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**EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS OF
GENERAL APPLICABILITY, AND STATEMENTS
ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(3)**

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2007-23

**Designation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Basis for all
Incident Management in Arizona (Amending Executive Order 2005-08)**

[M07-560]

WHEREAS, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive, the President of the United States directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local, and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the desired levels of incident management it is critical that Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations use standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the State's opportunities for federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, federal guidelines for homeland security grant funding for federal fiscal year 2006 and beyond require NIMS compliance as a condition of eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) will be the State standard for incident management.
2. The Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) will lead NIMS implementation throughout Arizona.
3. ADEM shall be charged with:
 - a. Incorporate NIMS into existing statewide training programs and exercises;
 - b. Seeking federal preparedness funding sufficient to support NIMS implementation;
 - c. Incorporating NIMS into emergency operations plans;
 - d. Promoting intrastate mutual aid agreements;
 - e. Providing and coordinating technical assistance to local entities regarding NIMS to ensure statewide compliance;
 - f. Institutionalizing the use of the NIMS; and
 - g. Leading the effort to achieve statewide NIMS compliance to ensure continued eligibility for federal homeland security grant funds.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

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Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 25th of September in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** COLLEGE SAVINGS MONTH ***

[M07-552]

WHEREAS, Arizona families recognize that a college education is one of the most important things we can do for our children to prepare them for success in life; and

WHEREAS, the constantly rising costs of a college education continue to outpace inflation and, without proper planning, those costs can jeopardize a family's ability to ensure their children have access to higher education; and

WHEREAS, college is an investment that will pay off given that the earnings gap between those with a high school diploma and those with a bachelor's degree or beyond exceeds \$1 million over a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, education loan volume increased by more than 250 percent to over \$85 billion, and at the end of the period, loans constituted approximately 56 percent of total funds used to finance postsecondary expenses; and

WHEREAS, almost two-thirds of college students graduate with debt, and many college graduates repay large amounts of debt long after they have completed their education; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Arizona families to encourage saving for higher education expenses so that access to educational opportunities is enhanced for our children, grandchildren, and others, without the crushing burden of education loan debt; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state and federal law, the State of Arizona operates the Arizona Family College Savings Program, a Section 529 college savings plan that offers both state and federal tax advantages to encourage saving for the expense of higher education and to promote educational opportunity for all Arizonans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2007

*** COLLEGE SAVINGS MONTH ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twelfth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH ***

[M07-547]

WHEREAS, many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks,

including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing finances, conducting research, enhancing education and conducting business; and

WHEREAS, critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious attack by viruses and loss of privacy from spyware and adware; and

WHEREAS, each year there are significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states and local governments enhance cyber security; and the State of Arizona provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, there are national organizations, such as the non-profit National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), policymakers, government agencies, private sector companies, and non-profit entities helping consumers, businesses, educational leaders and our youth to protect themselves online; and

WHEREAS, each one of us plays an important role in securing our cyberspace. Awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Arizona information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center and the National Cyber Security Alliance have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2007 as

*** CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this seventeenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** URBAN SUSTAINABILITY DAY ***

[M07-549]

WHEREAS, the 10th Annual Green Building Expo is an exceptional partnership between three Arizona Cities with the mission to provide instruction and education about new and exciting developments in green building and sustainable communities, and provide tangible and meaningful information to help building industry professionals and the general public make environmentally conscious decisions regarding building options and lifestyle choices; and

WHEREAS, the Green Building Expo will further participation in the green building movement as expressed by a multitude of market indicators (specifically a report released by *SmartMarket*, that 90 percent of home builders report some level of participation in green building activities); and

WHEREAS, the Expo serves as a fundamental resource for builders, architects, designers and consumers in Arizona with thousands of people in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the Expo is committed to advancing the Green Building system approach of employing techniques to reduce

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energy consumption and minimize the environmental impact of building while contributing to the health of occupants through innovations in energy efficiency, and a variety of environmentally low-impact products and services; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2007, Arizonans will attend opening day of the 10th Annual Green Building Expo to expand their knowledge about implementing Green Building techniques and practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2007 as

*** URBAN SUSTAINABILITY DAY ***

in acknowledgment of the 10th Annual Green Building Expo's dedication to improving building and design practices in Arizona and educating both public and private sectors about the importance of Green Building techniques that encourage energy efficiency and the development of the built environment in ways that protect the environment and provide healthy places for Arizonans to live and work

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this seventeenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** YOUTH SPORTS WEEK ***

[M07-550]

WHEREAS, sports are known to have physical, social and psychological benefits for our youth; and

WHEREAS, in this age of scandal and misconduct, there is a need for positive role models for youth in sports; and

WHEREAS, The Leadership Consortium (TLC) and the Pat Tillman Foundation have annually partnered to host events to enhance the relationship among athletes, sports organizations and the community; and

WHEREAS, private businesses, non-profit organizations and government agencies throughout Arizona have joined this partnership to hold the fourth annual Linking Sports and Communities conference in Arizona September 22-24, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, at University of Phoenix Stadium, educational workshops and sports activities were held for youth, ages 12 to 18, exposing them to healthy lifestyles, career opportunities and outstanding sports role models;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 22-28, 2007 as

*** YOUTH SPORTS WEEK IN ARIZONA ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this seventeenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

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ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH ***

[M07-544]

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an epidemic affecting Americans in all communities, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality or educational background; and

WHEREAS, over 3 million children witness domestic violence each year, and over 10 million children are at risk of witnessing domestic violence each year, contributing to devastating effects such as trauma, decreased social, emotional and cognitive development including learning disabilities, physical problems, and an increased likelihood of child abuse; and

WHEREAS, one in five female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence are often prevented from getting or keeping jobs by their abusers, and many victims who leave their abusers face poverty, unemployment, and homelessness and even death at the hands of abusers as a result of leaving; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona a woman is murdered by her husband or boyfriend every four days; and

WHEREAS, stopping domestic violence requires uncompromised accountability of offenders; and

WHEREAS, enhanced education, prevention, and intervention efforts will increase public awareness, mobilize community action, and confront the abuse of power and control in interpersonal relationships; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2007 as

*** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH ***

in the State of Arizona, and encourage all citizens to continue to support the efforts of organizations that provide education, outreach, and support to victims of domestic violence, and call upon our citizens to dedicate themselves to ending all forms of violence and the abuse of power and control in relationships.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this eighteenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** SAVE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK ***

[M07-545]

WHEREAS, the United States Senate unanimously passed Senate Resolution 550, designating October 21 through October 27, 2007 as "National Save for Retirement Week"; and

WHEREAS, because people in the United States are living longer than ever before, the cost of retirement continues to rise, and retiree healthcare costs continue to increase at a rapid pace; and

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WHEREAS, recent data from the Employee Benefit Research Institute indicates that in the United States less than 2/3 of workers or their spouses are currently saving for retirement and that the actual amount of retirement savings of workers falls far below the amount that is realistically needed to adequately fund retirement; and

WHEREAS, many employees have available to them through their employers access to defined benefit or defined contribution plans to assist them in preparing for retirement and may not be aware of retirement options and the importance of saving for retirement; and

WHEREAS, many employees may not be taking advantage of workplace defined contribution plans at all or to the full extent allowed by the plans or under Federal law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 21 - 27, 2007 as

*** SAVE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this eighteenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** ARIZONA SOLAR AND SUSTAINABILITY MONTH ***

[M07-546]

WHEREAS, Solar, Renewable Energy and Sustainability technologies and practices are of great value to Arizona economic development, energy reliability and security, and environmental benefit for the citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has great abundance of natural resources and expertise to achieve national and global leadership in education, research, design, construction, manufacturing, and application in the use of Solar, Renewable Energy, and Sustainability practices and technologies; and

WHEREAS, Solar, Renewable Energy, and Sustainability techniques and applications offer Arizonans a beneficial, affordable, stable, secure, and healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the activities of Arizona state and local government; Arizona Solar, Renewable Energy and Sustainability nonprofit organizations; Arizona renewable energy and sustainability industries; and Arizona educational institutions present and promote the practice of Solar, Renewable Energy, and Sustainability implementation for Arizonans; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona component of the national American Solar Energy Society National Solar Tour will have Arizonans opening their homes and sharing their experiences and knowledge, in tours every weekend from the end of September to the beginning of October; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona component of the National Tour will provide special educational events in the forms of educational programs, lectures, workshops, and local energy events; and

WHEREAS, this activity, supporting better and greater understanding and use of Arizona's naturally renewable energy resources, and implementation of solar and sustainable design and action is important to Arizona's energy mix, and to the State, its future, and the legacy bequeathed to its children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2007 as

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*** ARIZONA SOLAR, RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY MONTH ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this nineteenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY ***

[M07-551]

WHEREAS, throughout American history members of America's armed forces have made uncommon sacrifices as Prisoners of War (POW), serving their country under conditions of extreme hardship, while remaining steadfast often even when their treatment violated fundamental standards of morality and international codes of conduct; and

WHEREAS, Americans held as POW and Americans Missing in Action (MIA) have earned the respect of all of America for their courage and devotion to duty; and

WHEREAS, we salute our POW who, in the act of serving our Nation, relinquished their freedom to protect the liberty we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, we also remember those still considered MIA, and the pain and suffering of war that continues for their families and friends and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, because we must not neglect to honor these men and women who have served their America so faithfully, the United States Congress established the third Wednesday in the month of September as America's annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2007 as

*** POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY ***

and call upon all Arizonans to join with other Americans across the Nation in honoring all present and former American Prisoners of War, along with those who are still Missing in Action and the families of our POWs and those MIA; and I call upon state and local officials, active military, national guard and reserves, veterans, historians, educators, and private organizations to observe this day by flying the POW/MIA Flag (the Flag of Hope) and by conducting appropriate ceremonies or activities in honor of these heroes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this nineteenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

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Secretary of State

*** PUEBLO HIGH SCHOOL REUNION DAYS ***

[M07-548]

WHEREAS, since 1956, Pueblo High School in Tucson, Arizona, has committed itself to providing quality educational services to a unique variety of students; and

WHEREAS, this school of higher learning has produced many outstanding citizens who owe their educational awareness to that fine institution; and

WHEREAS, THE MOTTO OF ALL Pueblo High School students is “**Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior;**” and

WHEREAS, the success of this cherished high school and its students is directly attributable to the outstanding educational leadership and guidance of such notable administrators as:

Albert Brooks	Margaret Douglass
Doc Van Horne	Miriam Geyer
Florence Reynolds	Howard Leigh
Philip Archambault	Maria Uriquides

WHEREAS, on September 21-23, 2007 the Pueblo High School classes of **1957 (celebrating their 50th year)**, 1958, 1959 and 1960 will proudly wave their colors of Blue and Blue and jointly celebrate the years they spent at this outstanding public institution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 21-23, 2007 as

*** PUEBLO HIGH SCHOOL REUNION DAYS ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this nineteenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH ***

[M07-557]

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, counties, rural areas and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month in Arizona; and

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WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning commissions and other elected/appointed officials who have donated their time and expertise to the improvement of the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners of the State of Arizona and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2007 as

*** COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-first day of September in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State